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CROSSFIELD LOCAL NEWS

CROSSFIELD.—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kinnitt spent the Easter holidays visiting their daughter at Bow Island.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken McTavish, on May 1, a daughter, at Calgary General hospital.

Don Beddoes and his bull-dog were in town on Wednesday and took out the rest of the basement for the new Community hall.

Ramsey Parsons is drilling for water on the C. C. Stafford premises.

Commencing May 1 the Alberta Government Telephone Exchange in Crossfield will maintain office hours of 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., closing at 12:15 on Saturdays. It will also be closed all day on Sunday and all statutory holidays. Persons wishing to use a pay station to telephone will have to use in the Oliver hotel.

Frank Collicutt of Calgary was a business visitor in town on Monday last, also making a trip out to the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryan left on Sunday to spend the next three months visiting relatives in California. They travelled by train to Vancouver where a nephew of Mrs. Ryan's was to meet them with a car and drive down the coast to San Francisco.

Roy Sackett has a job as helper in the Wheat Pool elevator during the seed cleaning rush and hopes to eventually graduate to a grain buyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cruickshank were visitors at the McPadyen farm home on Sunday, bringing Archie home with his sojourn in the General hospital.

Charles Mayman is a patient in the Holy Cross hospital where he underwent a major operation on Friday last, and is now slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevash and son Alan of Toledo, Ohio, are spending a holiday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick May. Mrs. Eric Van Maaron returned

ed home from the University hospital at Edmonton on Thursday of last week, after undergoing a serious operation.

Mrs. Ted Ellis is a patient in the Holy Cross hospital.

Miss Olga Anderson left Saturday evening for Calgary, where she boarded the T.C.A. for Manitoba on the first lap of the journey to spend her holidays with her parents.

Bobbie Gilson is now with his grandfather at Lloydminster.

Annual Meeting Of Sports Club

CROSSFIELD.—The annual meeting of the Crossfield Sports Club held in the curling rink on Wednesday evening last, saw about 25 sport enthusiasts in attendance. The financial statement as read by Secretary T. Bland found the club in a good financial standing and on a motion by H. Mumby the report was adopted. Some discussion took place as to the best crop to put on the land at the fair-ground and it was decided to plant wheat as soon as possible.

In the election of officers for 1949, President E. M. McNaughton was the unanimous choice of the meeting and was re-elected by acclamation. C. D. Casey was elected as vice-president and T. Bland again accepted the post of secretary-treasurer. It was agreed that a sports day should be held on Wednesday, June 15, along similar lines of those held in previous years.

The following committees were appointed and we publish the names so that those who were not at the meeting will know what they have to do. Dance committee, W. A. Heywood, Carl Becker and Walter Stewart; baseball, E. Wickerson, D. Stevens and George McDonald; horse races, C. D. Casey, W. Hale and J. Baxter; concessions, G. R. Jones, B. Stillings and A. D. Stevens; refreshment booth, T. Arnott, A. E. Edlund and W. Rowatt; grounds, G. Purvis, J. Robertson and L. B. Beddoes; gate,



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C. Becker; advertising, T. Bland and E. McNaughton; foot races, H. Mumby, J. Whitehead and J. Schofield; raffles, Don Cameron, M. Carney and C. Whittaker.

It was agreed that in the event the hall was not ready for use by the date of the sports, the hall committee should be asked to supply the lumber for a temporary floor in the curling rink. The date for the next meeting was set for May 11, when committees would be expected to have their sections working and some idea of the program could be worked out.

Wedding

Knox United Church was the scene of a wedding on Thursday, April 14, when Margaret Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Laus of Crossfield became the bride of Albert Nelson of Calgary. Rev. McLeod performed the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown, with orange blossoms and veil and carried a bouquet of deep red roses. Her only attendant was Miss Joylaire Milligan, who wore a floor-length gown of blue net, complemented by a bouquet of white carnations. Mr. Thomas Ambrose attended the groom, and the ushers were Mr. Boby Daly of Calgary and Donald Laus of Crossfield.

During the signing of the register, Mr. M. Gharney of Crossfield sang "Because."

A reception was held in the Sky Room for 64 guests and Mr. Wm. Laus proposed the toast to the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson left by plane to spend their honeymoon in Vancouver, the bride travelling in a suit of slipper blue, with navy and rose accessories.

Rain Needed In District

CROSSFIELD.—The weather here still stays hot, dry and windy, with rain badly needed, although there appears to be sufficient sub-surface moisture to start the crops. The first seeded fields of wheat are now above ground and look good. Some of the more pessimistic of the farmers are doing some grousing, which is not to be wondered at, still it always has rained and this district has yet to miss its first crop.

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C.W.L. Meeting

BEISEKER.—The Catholic Women's League held their monthly meeting in the basement of the Beiseker Memorial Hall on Thursday, April 28. It was preceded by an executive meeting when 37 members turned out.

It was decided to cater to the Acme Legion Dance which will be held here soon.

Fire Destroys Airdrie Buildings

AIRDRIE.—A fire of unknown origin destroyed five granaries, a chicken coop, the ice house and wholly destroyed the workshop on the farm of C. J. Custead, seven miles east of Airdrie about 4 p.m. Monday. A tractor in the workshop at the time was saved and the fire was put out before it could spread to other buildings. Total damage was set at \$5,000.

Arrangements are under way to put on a movie show in the Community hall every Friday night, to be followed by a dance each Saturday.

Local farmers are moving out on the land, but a lack of sub-soil moisture appears to be general throughout the district, while high winds have delayed seeding.

C.W.L. Annual Meeting Held

CROSSFIELD.—The annual meeting of the C.W.L. was held on Wednesday, April 20, at the home of Mrs. A. Mason. The whole slate of officers were re-elected for the coming year as follows: President, Mrs. H. Bannister; vice-president, Mrs. M. Stafford; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. Mason; councillors, Mrs. McAnally, Mrs. Benoit and Mrs. Lennon. The following committees were appointed: Social, Mrs. F. Collins; press, Mrs. W. Harris; sick, Mrs. C. C. Smart; and altar, Miss Frances Lennon.

A letter of thanks and appreciation from the hall committee for recent donation obtained from the sale of the quilt was read by the secretary. The quilt had been raffled off and the luck ticket held by Melvin Patmore.

Joyce Harris won the attendance prize. Mrs. Mervin Stafford will be hostess for the next meeting called for May 28.

Attention, Lovers Of Nature!

CROSSFIELD.—The Canadian Forestry Association tree planting car is expected to be in Crossfield on Friday, May 13. Both adults and children are welcome to attend and all can learn something about planting trees by a visit to this car. The slogan of the association is "Shelter belts for every farm," and while this district perhaps has more than the average, there is still room for more.

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Federal Election Outlook

(From the Ottawa Citizen)

Many shrewd political observers will agree with the prediction Prime Minister St. Laurent made in Edmonton, that if the Liberals do not get a clear Commons majority in the forthcoming election there will be somewhat of a stalemate in Parliament. At least the opinion is becoming general that the Progressive Conservatives have little chance of electing enough members to assume command of the Lower House.

Mr. George Drew's early parliamentary forays as Opposition leader were spectacular. They greatly improved the morale of his party followers throughout Canada; and this, it must be agreed, is a big step toward success at the polls. But as far as the Canadian electorate is concerned, they appear to have made no lasting impression. As an experienced and objective radio commentator recently observed, most people have forgotten the issues over which Mr. Drew raised such temporary tempests.

There are signs that the Conservatives' hopes of making substantial inroads in Quebec are waning. Mr. Drew seems to be shifting sail in the hope of recovering some of the ground he may have lost in the rest of Canada by his first intensive drive for Quebec support—which now promises no great hope of success. He has succeeded, intentionally or otherwise, in driving the Liberal and CCF forces closer together by his enunciation of out-worn Tory policies that hold little place in Canadian thinking these days.

On the other hand Mr. St. Laurent appears to be making personal and political gains. Debonnaire, courteous and able, he is fast developing some of the more robust traits of a political gladiator—a necessity in the rough and tumble of Canadian politics.

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dian public life. If the Liberals fail to gain clear ascendancy in the Commons, the possibility of a Liberal-Conservative coalition is slight. In such an event the chances are much greater than some Liberal-CCF alignment, official or otherwise, will assure this country progressive government.

GOSSIP! GOSSIP! GOSSIP!



DOROTHY FOWLER, Vancouver actress, plays on the radio the type of character she hopes not to be in real life—a gossip, sharp-tongued, middle-aged woman. She has been playing in radio for a long time, and is often heard in the Vancouver Theatre program and Leicester Square to Broadway.

Train Starts Fire

BEISEKER. — A C.P.R. train set fire on the Matt Schmaltz farm on Sunday which was fanned by a high west wind. Luckily Carl E. Schmaltz saw the fire start and gave the alarm by telephone and a few neighbors responded with a tractor and plow, some with shovels and battered the flames out in two hours.

Before the fire could be brought under control about 50 acres of heavy rye stubble was burnt. No other damage was done.

Lions Promote Auto Contest

BEISEKER. — The Beiseker Lions Club is launching a campaign to clear up all debts on the new Memorial hall. To this end they

have decided to accept \$1.00 donations, one of which entitle some lucky person to purchase a new 1949 Ford for \$1.00. An active campaign is now being carried on and it is hoped that all residents of this community will give it wholehearted support. The draw for the car is to be made on Sports Day, August 3, 1949 and donations will be accepted by any member of the Lions Club.

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Vermilion Man Heads Battle River Assn.

Battle River constituency Liberals are out to secure political victory when the federal general election is held. At an organization meeting held in connection with a nominating convention to select a candidate, steps were completed in the reorganization of the Battle River Liberal association. Dr. A. B. King of Vermilion was named president. Hon. Jas. Gar-

diner was present and addressed the Liberals.

Other officers are: honorary president Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent; first vice-president Allan Johnstone, Hardisty; second vice-president James D. Adam, Vermilion, third vice-president, William Chorney, Myrnam, and secretary-treasurer, P. M. Armlshaw, Wainwright.

Regional vice-presidents elected were: Cliff Bethune, Provost; Clarke Christie, Chauvin; Russell Whitson, Mannville; Dr. G. L. Cooke, Lloydminster; Homer Campbell, Clondonald; Oscar Young, Mannville; Cyril Drever, Hardisty; John Kelly, Wainwright; Art Hunter, Innisfree; James Miller, Kitacoty; J. Kelso, Myrnam; Jack Clufford, Marwayne.

N. Stachan, Wainwright; Axel Anderson, Minburn; Mrs. R. Clufford, Lloydminster; Matt Chaceun, Derwent; R. H. Norton, Vermilion; Mrs. Conroy, Wainwright; Mrs. J. D. Adam, Vermilion; Mrs. Matt Chaceun, Derwent; Caleb Fleming, Provost; Jas. Robinson, Wainwright; W. J. Hinton, Paradise Valley; D. Falkins, Chauvin; J. Meiklejohn, Marwayne.

Following the meeting an informal reception was held in the banquet room of the hall in honor of Hon. James G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture.

Mr. Gardiner had been welcomed to Vermilion at a noonday luncheon held by the Board of Trade.

ARMY STEPS IN TO HELP BRITAIN'S YOUTH CLUBS

Many teen-agers in Britain, sleeping under canvas this summer will owe their vacation to — the Army!

Backed by the Education Ministry, the Army is helping youth organizations to prepare an under-canvas vacation this year. From military centres in Aldershot, Caterick and elsewhere, the Army is hiring anything from a marquee to a mess tin to youth clubs. The National Association of Girls and Mixed Clubs and the Y.M.C.A. are extending hostel schemes. In many cities courses in camp craft are being run for youth leaders and more teen-agers are being encouraged to spend vacations abroad.

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B. of M. Studies "Cyclical Taxation"

MONTREAL. — An appraisal of Canada's 1944 budget in relation to theories of cyclical taxation occupies much of the Bank of Montreal's latest monthly Business Review, which was issued today.

"From the standpoint of its provisions and the economic assumptions upon which they apparently rest," the B. of M. says, "the new budget stands in decided contrast to that of year ago."

The 1948 budget, it points out, devoted a substantial surplus to debt reduction and provided virtually no tax relief. It was thus "a

notable example of the practical application of cyclical fiscal theory to meet an inflationary situation." The present budget anticipated only a nominal surplus in the current fiscal period and provided tax reductions totalling approximately \$369 millions on the basis of a full year's operations.

"These tax concessions," the

statement notes, "taken in conjunction with the disbursement of \$250 millions of refundable personal income tax and retroactive payments of about \$214 millions to western wheat growers amount, in aggregate, to a very sizable stimulus to consumer spending power."

THEORY AND PRACTICE

"The question obviously arises whether underlying conditions, present and prospective, have altered to the extent that must be inferred from such a reversal of the budgetary position."

Only to raise this question, the B. of M. stresses, points up a fundamental difficulty in the theory that a government's budget can be made to compensate for fluctuations in consumer and business spending, thus serving as an economic balance wheel.

"On paper the theory is attractive," the bank comments, "but one must ask whether, in practice, it is within the power of any government to foresee the swings of the business cycle and, presumably strictly aloof from political considerations, accurately to time major changes in taxation policy so that the result will be a contribution to stability."

POSSIBLE DEFLATION

OFFSET

"In the present instance," the review continues, "it may be that the budget has not overshoot the mark and will prove a valuable offset to more pronounced deflationary tendencies than have yet developed in this country, or that were apparently foreseen by earlier optimistic official forecasts of the national income for 1949."

"Should this be so, the budget will have achieved the dual objective of popular appeal and of desirability on broad economic grounds."

The general satisfaction on the part of a tax-weary public rather tended to belittle the fact that the government had budgeted for yet another increase in expenditures, the B. of M. remarks. While most of the increase might be accounted for by additional defence requirements, it was apparent that ordinary peace-time outlays showed no sign of diminishing.

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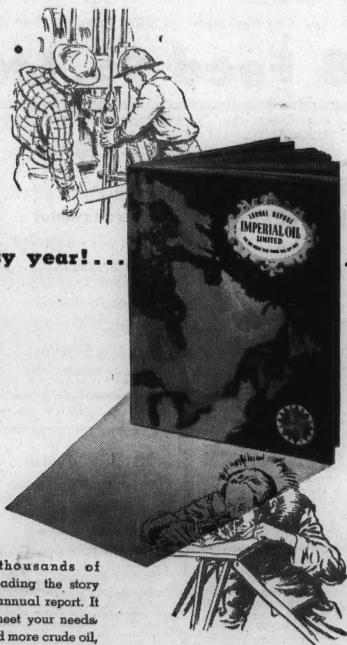
"A significant and related fact," the bank adds, "is that, with the removal of some 750,000 taxpayers from the personal income tax roll by the raising of exemptions, the number of persons now subject to direct levy on income has been reduced to about 1,600,000."

"Since the Canadian working force is estimated at approximately 5,000,000 persons, it follows that about two out of every three of these will not be directly aware, through even nominal deductions from income, of the cost of governmental services that the community demands."

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ternes, Rockyford, a daughter, Caroline Marie on April 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ky Killan drove the latter's brother, Rev. Father Killan to Calgary where he will embark on a two months holiday to eastern Canada.

Henry Helm found an unusual egg on his farm. It consisted of two oval shaped parts joined at one end. One section contained the yolk and the other the white of the egg. The whole was encased in a soft shell.

The position of C.N.R. section foreman recently vacated by Mr. Arnett has been filled by Mr. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their two small daughters have taken up residence in the foreman's house.

Both the building which housed the Red & White Store and its entire stock have been sold. The new proprietors, who are from Saskatchewan, will take over on May 15.

Mrs. Wegner has returned from her winter's visit in B.C. She reports her daughter Viola is much better and her granddaughter is improving.

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A new United Kingdom-made machine has just been installed at St. Dunstan's Training Centre for the Blind, which helps sightless people to saw and plane wood mechanically without risk to themselves.

In the workshops at St. Dunstan's, war-blinded men and women are trained for jobs. Recently 166 veterans have learned enough to take up work as capstan lathe operators in factories. Others have

been trained for employment which require a certain amount of skill even in people with normal sight.

The St. Dunstan's authorities say that the number of people blinded in World War II is just beginning to fall off. They expect, though, that their work will go on for many years yet. A hundred men, now being trained, entered the centre only in the last three months because of symptoms of failing sight.

St. Dunstan's has dealt with 1,500 blind people since the end of

the war. This is almost the same as the number helped after World War I—but between the wars this total was doubled because of the delayed effects of wounds and gas.

PREVENTING ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOLS

Britain's Ministry of Education has just issued a booklet on Safety Precautions in Schools.

"To live dangerously," says the foreword, "may well be a better rule of life than safety first. The kind of youngsters we hope to turn out should be confident, curious and uninhibited. But carelessness is not to be excused and unnecessary risks must not be taken."

84 per cent of the accidents in high schools and 50 per cent of those in grade schools occur in the playground, organized games or general accidents in the school building.

In grade schools the playground is the worst place for accidents. Size, lay-out, fencing and maintenance must be examined and supervision for the children should be adequate.

In high schools, games and physical training account for over 47 per cent of the total number of accidents. A difficult problem, for some risk has to be accepted, but precautions can be taken, especially in the gymnasium, which will reduce the risk of serious injury. Apparatus can be checked by the teacher and pupils trained to look for faults, and put them right themselves.

Boxing and wrestling bouts should be short, opponents evenly matched and kit suitable. The teacher should not include any exercise unless he knows a good way of standing by for it.

Curiously, domestic economy does not account for many accidents in Britain's schools. Teachers give great care to the question of safety and see that furniture and equipment are well laid out, that open fires and grates have safety bars, that gas taps are set back under the rim of the cooker and that furniture and utensils are the right size for the children.

This sensible little booklet suggests many good ways of preventing accidents in schools, but does its best to emphasize that children must not be made afraid of life—instant they should welcome adventure and the unknown, while adults in the background protect them from their dangers.

TRAINING FOR OPERA

At the De Walden Institute, St. John's Wood, London, men and women from all parts of the world are trained as opera stars.

Subjects include movement, deportment, acting and stage technique, musical ensemble and operatic roles. Students who pay fees of \$340 a year, are only selected after an audition. One of the founders and principals is Miss Joan Cross, former Sadler's Wells prima donna.

Auditions have been held in various cities in Britain. In Cardiff, 50 were heard and four selected, none of whom can raise the fees. Three of them, mining engineer, a railway fireman and a window cleaner, are working to save enough money. The studio works in co-operation with Britain's opera companies, including Covent Garden and Sadler's Wells, and has a grant from the Arts Council.

Instructors include Mr. Peter Gelhorn, Covent Garden instructor, Mr. Geoffrey Dunn, singer, actor and producer, Joan Cross herself and Mr. Kurt Jooss, found-

er of the Jooss Ballet. The school is a non-profit-making company with a permanent board of governors. Fourteen of the students are from Britain, others come from Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, the U.S.A., Switzerland and Iceland.

Apart from a 15-hour week at the studio, they have singing lessons from their own teachers and preparatory work which takes up all their spare time. The way to the stars is certainly a hard one!

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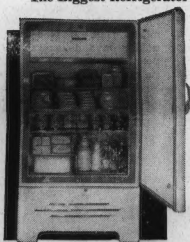
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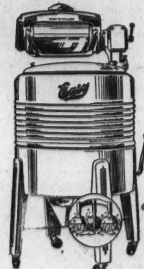
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Pensions May Be Increased

Reports persist from Ottawa regarding plans to increase the old-age pensions of Canadians by as much as \$10 a month. One report says the dominion government has decided definitely to increase basic old-age pensions from \$30 to \$40.

It has also been decided that pensions payable to a woman will be made payable at the age of 65, but the age for men is to remain at 70.

The federal government pays 75 per cent of the cost of basic old-age pensions and the provinces pay only 25 per cent. Some provinces pay a supplementary pension over and above the basic pension.

It is also announced the federal government plans to put the increase in pensions into effect by June 1.

U.S. Flaxseed Price

The flaxseed price support for the 1949 United States crop is announced at 90 per cent of parity—a drastic reduction from the \$6 a bushel or 135 per cent of parity support level in effect this marketing year. At 90 per cent of parity the support price will be about \$3.72 a bushel at farm level on a national average.

B.C. Will Vote On June 15th

Electors will go to the polls in a provincial general election in British Columbia on June 15. It was announced during the week.

Premier Byron Johnson has made it plain that free enterprise versus Socialism will be the No. 1 issue in British Columbia's June 15 provincial election.

The 58-year-old head of B.C.'s seven-year-old coalition government of Liberals and Progressive-Conservatives made his election call Saturday. He promptly added to the announcement:

"If British Columbia is to continue to prosper we feel that such can only be accomplished where the people are assured of a continuance of the principles of free enterprise."

Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb, chief of the provincial Progressive-Conservatives, subscribed to Mr. Johnson's declaration.

In a joint statement, the party leaders said: "It is felt that there should be a clarification of the future administration in this province."

Fear of the C.C.F. and its Socialist program led to the birth of the coalition in 1941, under the leadership of former Premier John Hart.

Harold Winch, leader of the C.C.F., has accepted the challenge. "The C.C.F. is all set for a winning election campaign," he said at the annual party convention in Vancouver. "We have our election machinery all in order. There's no question but that the swing is to the C.C.F."

Mr. Johnson announced dissolution of the 21st legislature of B.C., fixed the election date, and said nomination day would be May 25.

At dissolution the coalition had 36 members in the 48-member house—21 Liberals and 15 Progressive-Conservatives. The C.C.F. had 11 members and Labor one. The last election was held Oct. 25, 1945.

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Mr. Earl Elliott left for Regina after having spent his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Elliott.

Miss Jean Liddell who has just finished her course at the Calgary Normal School, is now teaching the junior room at the Beaver Dam school. Mrs. H. Baxter has been acting as substitute teacher in the junior room for the past six weeks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vaughan of Dogpound, on April 21, a son, James Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter of Southern California are visiting the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baker.

The pupils of Beaver Dam school sponsored a dance at the Madden hall on Friday of last week. Proceeds in aid of the school picnic.

The Madden Garage now handles all the White Rose products.

All roads led west on Sunday for the opening of the fishing season in the Dogpound Creek. It looked like everyone and his brother were out there and some nice fish were caught, and a few fishermen got the limit in spite of the low clear water. It had been hoped that with the Bow river being opened on the same day our creek would not be too crowded, but apparently a goodly number of city people prefer the Dogpound.

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